

WORKSESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Council Chambers

7:30 p.m. – 11:24 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Wojahn; Councilmembers Kabir, Nagle, Brennan, Dennis, Stullich (arrived at 7:41 p.m.), Day, Cook and Kujawa.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Somers, City Manager; Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Miriam Bader, Senior Planner; Cole Holocker, Student Liaison; Adler Pruitt, Deputy Student Liaison.

Mayor Wojahn opened the Worksession at 7:30 p.m.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Bicycle Boulevard Community Meeting on April 20, 7 p.m.
- April 28, 7:30, Four Cities Meeting in New Carrollton
- May 20, Volunteer Reception
- Red Folder items
- Vacation schedule

AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Brennan/Day without amendment, 7 – 0 - 0.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1. DSP-12030, Pregnancy Aid Center:** Mary Jelacic, Executive Director; Robert Antonetti, Attorney; plus the architect and engineer. Presentation by Miriam Bader. Planning Board date is April 28. 1 story addition to the north, plus exterior improvements. Requested a modification from the Sector Plan to be 1 story instead of 2. Major issue is the fence, which is embedded in perimeter vegetation in places, so to remove it they would have to cut back some of the desired vegetation, so they are requesting a departure on the fence. Staff requested a fence plan; we want consistent fencing along Erie and on the northern property line that abuts residential. PAC dedicated some ROW on Route 1 and SHA will pay for the retaining wall improvement. When SHA finishes the sidewalk and wall, PAC will finish the fence with something decorative. They are in agreement with all other conditions. They entered an agreement with Prince George's County Hospital Center to add a family practice and to see men as well. The addition is for 8 additional exam rooms. They have 5,000 visits per year, 1/3 are uninsured. (Kabir to agenda)
- 2. Discussion with APC about their recommendations for the City's Fence Ordinance:** Chris Gill, Chair. Reviewed letter. APC deals with exceptions to the fence ordinance and it is confusing. Issues: hedges, boulders, decorative fences, front yard vegetable garden fences. Request to better align City definitions with County definitions. Add illustrations. Address when a retaining wall does and does not count as a fence. Consider narrowing the fence variance criteria down to the same 3 criteria that are needed for a zoning

variance. What does temporary mean? Process should be less burdensome, especially regarding hedges as a fence. Return future Worksession with revisions to fence ordinance: 1) Add clarification to definitions. 2) Allow front yard garden fences. 3) Clarify discouragement of chain link fences. 4) Reduce criteria for variances. When the changes to the fence ordinance come back for review, also discuss “explore financial incentives to promote the use of other fence material beside chain link.”

3. **Discussion of Budget Ordinance prior to Introduction next week:** No need for this item.
4. **Request by the University of Maryland to rename Paint Branch Parkway to Campus Drive – Carlo Colella and Anne Martens, UMD:** They have a letter of support from the FDA; they have spoken to Park and Planning but not The Tennis Center. Stulich received 34 responses to her survey: 24 were OK with the change but 10 were opposed. Brennan said his list serve had mixed reviews. District 1 had one comment about the heritage. Concern: How can we honor/recognize the Native American heritage in another way? Consider plaque or marker. (Day to agenda)
5. **Revised joint application for the Greater College Park RISE Zone and draft Council Resolution of support: Bill Gardiner, David Iannucci (Prince George’s County) and Carlo Colella (UMD):** Prince George’s County is participating at a high level (75%) to incentivize the “knowledge economy.” They want to aggressively grow the Innovation District, M Square and Research Park for high tech sectors. These types of businesses are difficult to attract because everyone wants them. Proposal for the City to also consider 75% instead of 50% for certain types of businesses. Bill will send the numbers around. Get input on both 50% and 75% at Public Hearing. Request to re-label/improve the map.
6. **Continuation of discussion from April 5 Worksession on the use of City resources to support education:** See Special Session Minutes 16-G-54
7. **Council Rules and Procedures:** See Special Session Minutes 16-G-52
8. **Discussion of creation of a Charter Revision Committee:** To remove items from the Charter that don’t really belong in a Charter, remove administrative-type items, recommend non-substantive changes to bring our Charter up-to-date. OK to move forward. Mayor Wojahn, Councilmember Nagle, Scott Somers, Suellen Ferguson and Janeen Miller.
9. **Agenda items for April 28 Four Cities Meeting in New Carrollton:** None.
10. **Review of “Future Worksessions” list:** N/A
11. **Requests For/Status of Future Agenda items:** N/A
12. **Appointments to Boards and Committees:** Reappoint Dave Turley to the AWC.

13. Mayor and Councilmember Comments:

- Councilmember Cook is speaking at a Think Tank Diversity Consortium representing herself.
- Councilmember Kabir requested public safety budget information
- Budget Town Hall on Friday 4/29 at 7:00 p.m. at YFS
- Farmers Markets open this weekend
- 3rd Thirsty Thursday is Thursday at Ledo's
- BDCA meeting
- Saturday Berwyn/Lakeland Clean up
- Bitcamp event: received 2 dozen ideas, judged by Mayor and Cole Holocker. Selected College Park Toitles, an app to publicize events that can be used by local organizations. He asked them to put together a budget for the \$1,000 and invited them to a Worksession.
- Request proclamation for Infrastructure Week in May.
- Student Liaison applications for next year. Schedule subcommittee to review. (Wojahn, Day and Kujawa)

14. City Manager's Comments: N/A

Janeen S. Miller, CMC
City Clerk

Date
Approved